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OPENING MUSIC “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” Doerksen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Wonderful Words of Life” Bliss

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are people who have been called to follow wherever God leads us. Our faith leads us to obedience, even when we have no idea what the future holds. We are called to tell God's story of Love and Grace to others. Our faith gives us words to share the good news. We come together as the Family of God to worship and praise the Lord. Together, we tell the stories of Jesus and God's love.

HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams
I love to tell the story; It did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat.
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
“Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

FIRST READING

from Psalm 105

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.
Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.
He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
Praise the Lord!

SHARING AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSIC “How Great Thou Art” Swedish Folk Melody

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US Penny Sunday

BEING COMMUNITY WHEN WE ARE APART

OFFERTORY “The Love of God” Elkins

Jesus has a special place in his heart for children. Remember? He chastised his disciples for trying to keep the children at bay, and instead encouraged them to come right up, into his lap. When we are at our weakest, Jesus is our strength. Together, we again commit our lives and our resources to finding new, innovative ways to continue to walk with Jesus, even during this season of pandemic. We appreciate your commitment to giving freely of your talents and your treasure, as you are able. Thank you. To give online, you may go to:

<https://www.myeoffering.com/eonline/index.php/dashboard/login/5027>

or mail your offering to **Strongsville UCC 13740 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136. You may also save a stamp and drop your envelope in the church mailbox at any time.**

DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

SECOND READING **Romans 8:31-39** (*New International Version*)

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: *“For your sake we face death all day long;*

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

REFLECTION

Conquered in Love

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION

Now may the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that wherever you are, God is with you.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Trading My Sorrows”

Evans

SERVING

TODAY – JULY 26

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall

Liturgist
Director of Music
Associate Director of Music
Sound
Video

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 2

Irene Joyce
Tom Foley
Mike Elkins
Doug Thorn
Chuck McDougall

The steeple will light the sky this week—

Happy Birthday to Joey McKane on July 28th!

With love, Grammy

In honor of my son, Michael McNabb's, birthday on July 27th!

With love, Ginger Rothel

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Weekly Offering Needed	\$ 3,473.27
July 12 Offering Received	\$ 1,240.00
Difference	(-\$ 2,233.27)
July 19 Offering Received	\$ 3,424.60
Difference	(-\$ 51.67)



Thank you very much for your support of our mission and ministry.

PENNY SUNDAY WEEK

If you have been holding on to all those coins and dollar bills, now is the time to bring them to the church for our virtual **Penny Sunday** collection. We will have a bucket in the vestibule off the parking lot of the church to safely gather the coins during church office hours all this week.

The collection will go to **St. Herman's House** in Cleveland, which shelters and supports the homeless on the path to well-being and independence and meets the basic needs of people in the community by offering prayer, serving meals, providing job assistance, and finding housing. (Some of the Panera Bread donations have been going there during the pandemic shut down.) Thank you!



OUR PRAYER LIST

Please provide updates for this list to the church office.

Long-Term Care or Homebound: Janet Kato, Martha Liebert, Marge McKinney, Karen Rak, Connie Rebar, Trish Shields
Church Family: Joan Beckwith, Lloyd Bridle, Judy Carte, Mary Carey, Elaine Coffey, Rev. Larry and Christina Craig, Joe Craig, Robert Craig, Sam Cuyler Jr., Dan Davis, Sue Hawk, Steve Herzog, Paul Hirt, Evan Joyce, Carole Kapcar, George Kapcar, Debbie Krause, Lori Kovatich, Karl & Sharon Kuhlenschmidt, Millie Lafave, Lacey Marshall, Judy Maur, Laurie Meister, Michele Mihlack, Joyce Reed, Bill Ritchie, Alysha Rolland, Ginger Rothel, John & Maggie Struhar, Keith Sullen, Jamie & Josh Trinckes, Sharon Wilson, Sally Vetovitz, Peg Weakley, Claire Wills, Marty Winch



Extended Church Family: Ron, Yvonne, & Ronnie Adams (friends of Judi Pavisich), Dorene Baldrige, Amy Carroll (sister of Marty Winch), Lyla Joy Crowley (great grand-niece of Irene Jannsohn), Ruby Cuyler (sister of Sam), Gwen Giddings (sister of Linda Dettmer), Rebecca Gordon (niece of Irene Jannsohn), Kim Filiatraut (friend of Sarah Keenen), Elizabeth Fulford (friend of Lora Rung), Dana Hardy (wife of Craig), Kelly Kling (Strongsville Emergency Food Bank), Rev. Kent Knife (retired pastor from MHUCC), Diane Mason (friend of Lora Rung), Pat Masuga (mother of Dan), Donna McDonald (friend of the Ritchies), Zachary McKeever (great-nephew of Pastor Heidi and Chuck), Linda McNabb (sister-in-law of Ginger Rothel), Mae O'Shea (mom of Sandy O'Shea), Carrol Riley (father of Marjorie Morrison), Terry Robson (friend of the Camps), Mike Rung (brother of Lora), Amanda Shannon (friend of Sarah & Jon Hayes), Sherry Sheeks (sister of Mark Camp), Chris Vozniak (friend of Lora Rung), Brad Williams (friend of Judi Pavisich), Daphne Wilson (niece of Irene Jannsohn)

Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to pray for others via the email prayer chain.

Happy Anniversary today to Sheri and Denny Martin!

**NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 2, 2020:
SACRAMENT SUNDAY**

We will celebrate virtual Communion and the Baptism of Henry Harrison Hayes, son of Sarah and Jonathan Hayes.



OUR PENNY SUNDAY COLLECTORS

**We miss seeing their smiling faces so much.
(even with a mask!)**

